operated in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details of the weekly flights being operated from there?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Air Taxi Service are run by private operators and they can operate to all the airports open to scheduled operations in the country.

(b) Till October, 1991, Air Taxi operators have operated 13 flights to/from various destinations in Madhya Pradesh.

Expansion of Equity Base of Air India/ Indian Airlines

[*English*]

830. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to expand the equity base of the Air India and the Indian Airlines by ensuring 40 percent public participation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Various alternatives are under consideration of the Government in pursuance of the new Industrial Policy announced by the Government on 24th July, 1991.

Fleet expnasion plan by Indian Airlines

831. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:
SHRI DHARAMANNA MONDYYA SADUL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines have prepared a fifteen year fleet expansion plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the present fleet and the projected strength thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). The present fleet of Indian Airlines consists of 55 aircraft. The fleet at the end of 1994-95 is estimated to have 60 aircraft. Indian Airlines is carrying out a study for its fleet renewal.

Advertising Campaign by Indian Airlines/Air India

832. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the advertising agencies awarded the advertising campaign for the IA/AI during the last three years, yearwise;

(b) whether the Indian Airlines and the Air India have now awarded their advertising campaign to an Indian based advertising firm in preference to those based abroad; and

(c) if so, the name of the firm and the details of terms and conditions of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). During the last three years, M/s. Hindustan Thompson for Air India, and M/s. Akshara Advertising, M/s. Sista's Pvt. Ltd. and F.S. Advertising for Indian Airlines, worked as advertising agents.

(c) Air India has awarded advertising campaign for international newspapers to M/s. ULKA with effect from October'91. The

terms and conditions of the agreement are in accordance with the standard agreement drafted by tha Association of Advertising Agencies of India. In the case of Indian Airlines, Akshara and Sista continue from the previous years to the current year.

Navodaya Vidhalaya in Chatra Bihar

[*Translation*]

833. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open a Navodaya Vidalaya in the Chatra district of Bihar;

(b) if so, the time by when it is likely to be opened; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (c). Opening of Navodaya Vidalaya depends on the proposal from the State/UT Government concerned which has to provide 30 acres of suitable land, free of cost, and sufficient building and other infrastructure for running the Vidalayas initially for 2-3 years besides overall availability of resources and administrative considerations. No proposal for opening a Navodaya Vidalaya in Chatra district has so far been received.

Posts of Principles in Navodaya Vidyalayas

834. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA:Wili the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of posts of Principals and other categories of teachers and staff are lying vacant in Navodaya Vidalayas all over the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, category-wise and State-wise, and since when these are lying vacant;

(c) the reasons for not filling up these posts; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to fill up the vacancies immediately?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the vacant teaching posts are available category wise and Region-wise as on 30.9.91 in the attached statement.

(c) and (d). The vacant posts are mainly those created recently. Vacancies are also due to the reluctance of the selected candidates to join at remote areas where Navodaya Vidalayas are located, non-availability of persons to join on deputation and non-availability of suitable qualified SC/ST candidates. However, concerted efforts are being made to fill-up all the vacancies.